

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : I have not received information on the subject from the Executive Engineer.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : So, may I take it that the answer given for the supplementary question was not correct?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : The answer given is quite correct. The private parties have effected some improvements, no doubt.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether the Government or the Chief Engineer have received any representation from the public in that locality with regard to the improvements of this portion of the road?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Yes. We have received representations on the subject. An estimate has been prepared.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether they have provided any funds for the improvements of this road?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Is it the next year's budget that the member is referring to?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Yes.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : The budget has been framed in consultation with the members of the Committee in that locality and their suggestions have been included in the budget. I do not remember whether this particular item has been included or not.

*Divisional Sub-Committees appointed by the P. W. D.
Advisory Board.*

48 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the divisional sub-committees appointed by the P. W. D. Advisory Board have submitted their reports ;

(b) the works reported by the Quilon divisional sub-committee to be taken up immediately by the P. W. D. ; and

(c) the action taken on such reports?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (a) Yes.

(b) A list* is placed on the table.

(c) Budget provision has been made for carrying out some of the items next year.

Chimney at Kundara Ceramic works.

49 * MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the biggest chimney at Kundara ceramic works is dangerously cracked at several places ;

(b) the arrangements made at present to keep it intact and the amount spent for such arrangements ;

(c) the reason for the cracks ;

(d) who constructed the Chimney ; and

(e) whether the furnaces can be fired safely with the chimney as such ?

*Vide Appendix I.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (a) There are some cracks.

(b) Flat iron bands are provided at suitable intervals throughout the whole height of the chimney and the amount spent on this arrangement is Rs. 1,134.

(c) There is difference of opinion and the matter is under investigation.

(d) The outer masonry work of the chimney was done by the P. W. D. and the fire brick lining inside by the Ceramic Expert.

(e) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the approximate length and breadth of the crack?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They are only very minute ones.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli cum Parthikapalli*): May I know when the cracks were first noticed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: As soon as the first firing was begun. That was in August 1939.....

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the cracks are considered to be dangerous?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know, then, why flat iron bands are provided at suitable intervals throughout the whole height of the chimney?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The bands are provided for keeping the chimney intact and for preventing further development of cracks.

*Appointment of Mr. Ananthakrishnan as a Supervisor
in the P. W. D.*

50 * **MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Mr. Ananthakrishnan is recently appointed as a Supervisor in the P. W. D.;

(b) whether he is a Travancorean; and

(c) whether there are no Travancoreans qualified and fit for that post?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (a) No. He was appointed as a Maramat Circle Officer.

(b) No.

(c) No one is available at present.

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know when he was appointed?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: About four months back.

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Maramat and the P. W. D. appointments are interchangeable?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: They are. They belong to the same cadre.

MR. KANNANTHODATHU JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Chief Engineer be pleased to state whether there were no Travancoreans available at that time?